

DIXIE TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Meeting Minutes

August 5, 2020 – 1:00 p.m.

Five County Association of Governments

1070 West 1600 South

St. George, UT

Conducting: Todd Edwards, Chairman – Mr. Edwards indicated that this meeting is being held 100% electronically because of Governor Herbert's Executive Order issued March 18, 2020 which allows open public meetings to be held electronically under the declaration of a national emergency due to a pandemic that requires social distancing and other precautions.

Mr. Edwards noted that each Committee member will be asked if they are present and if they can hear clearly.

The Committee members were also instructed that they must give a verbal indication that they can hear and understand what the Chair is saying and what is happening at the meeting, and if at any time during the meeting they are having difficulty hearing or understanding whoever is speaking, they should interrupt and let the Chair know they are having problems hearing and ask the speaker to speak up and speak directly into their phone or whatever they are using to communicate.

Mr. Edwards also asked members to place their devices on MUTE except when speaking.

In addition, Mr. Edwards noted that he will take roll again at the end of the meeting wherein the Committee members must declare for the record that they participated in the meeting from beginning to end and that they were able to hear and comprehend everything that occurred during the meeting.

Mr. Edwards conducted the roll call:

MEMBERS PRESENT:

- Todd Edwards, CHAIR, Washington County Engineer
- Wayne Peterson, Leeds Town
- Jay Sandberg, St George City
- Monty Thurber, St. George City, Engineer Associate/Traffic Coordinator
- Kayde Roberts, UDOT Region Four
- Arthur LeBaron, Hurricane City
- Chuck Gillette, Ivins City, Public Works Director
- Mike Shaw, Washington City Public Works Director
- Kyle Gubler, LaVerkin City
- Cameron Cutler, St. George City, Public Works Director

MEMBERS ABSENT:

- Jack Taylor, Santa Clara City Public Works Director
- Ty Bringhurst, Toquerville City

OTHER ATTENDEES:

- Eldon Bingham
- Steven Call
- Steven Nelson – Hurricane City Planning Director
- Other attendees were present but did not introduce themselves

Chairman Edwards noted that a quorum was present and called for the meeting to continue.

Chairman Edwards also welcomed visitors who were in attendance and asked if any would like to introduce themselves. Arthur LeBaron introduced Steven Nelson who is the new Hurricane City Planning Director. Mr. LeBaron indicated that Steven Nelson will attend when he is able and is authorized to represent Hurricane City if Mr. LeBaron is unable to attend.

1. ADMINISTRATIVE:

- A. COVID–19 Accommodations/Protocol – The COVID-19-Accommodations and Protocol were discussed prior to Item 1.A in order to comply with the roll call rules when holding an electronic meeting.
- B. Consider Minutes from June 3, 2020 – Chairman Edwards noted that no additions or corrections were mentioned and called for a motion to approve the minutes. Arthur LeBaron made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Chuck Gillette seconded the motion.
Chairman Edwards then conducted a verbal roll call vote on the motion. The motion passed with all Committee members in attendance verbally voting in favor of the motion.

2. TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PLAN:

- A. **Report: 2020 Transit TIP Administrative Amendment** – Mr. Myron Lee presented the 2020 Transit TIP for discussion. The TIP shows the 5307 monies for Transit. Mr. Cameron Cutler then discussed a needed Administrative Amendment to make some adjustments to the TIP to include funding that we are getting reimbursement with Federal Funds. The **highlighted** expenditures are the proposed amendments to the TIP and will need a motion from the DTAC committee to endorse the proposed change as an administrative amendment.
Cameron Cutler made a motion to approve the TIP Administrative Amendment as presented. Jay Sandberg seconded the motion. Chairman Edwards then conducted a verbal roll call vote on the motion. The motion passed with all Committee members in attendance verbally voting in favor of the motion.
- B. **Review 2021 – 2025 TIP** – Myron Lee led a discussion on the 2021 – 2025 TIP. Mr. Lee indicated that there is additional money showing on the TIP which is included so that we can get prepared for the upcoming October/November timeframe when we will do a call for projects on the TIP. Mr. Lee indicated that back in February, we noted that there was an additional (approximately) 1.1 million dollars that came to us through the STP Highway

funds for small urban areas – we should have known that we were getting this money, but we didn't find out until February. Of that 1.1 million dollars, there is 1/3 of it that needs to be obligated for a construction project by the end of September 2021 or we will lose the ability to program that money. Mr. Lee stated that in February, we determined (working with DTAC and DTEC) that we would wait until our October meeting to program that money.

Another item that needs to be discussed is – in previous TIP's we had anticipated approximately 2.2 million coming to the program. That number has changed to 2.4 million for 2021 and it looks like it is going to be 2.5 million for 2022. This is now showing on the TIP and shows that we now have nearly 2.4 million dollars in 2021 funds. Mr. Lee indicated that if do not program any of that money between now and October, in October we would have the 4.1 million dollars to program for projects in the STIP years 1,2,3,4, and 5.

Mr. Lee then asked Jay Sandberg to discuss the River Road, Riverside Drive to 1450 South project. Mr. Sandberg indicated that they are at around \$5,950,000 right now and they have been looking for ways to keep the project moving forward because they must show UDOT that the money has been allocated before they will advertise it. Mr. Sandberg indicated that they are looking at several options – (1) reduce the contingency (2) look at the TIP and see if they can come up with some money, and (3) see if the City can come up with the additional money and guarantee that the funds will be there when needed. Option (4) involves Right of Way money (approximately 500,000) along River Road and requesting COG to pay for the Right of Way's.

Option (4) seems to be the best right now – or a combination of them all.

After considerable discussion, it was decided that no action would be taken right now, and for the time being, we will just continue with what has already been approved and get ready for the October/November meetings when the projects will be allocated.

- C. **Review 2021 – 2025 TIP Public Comments – Recommendation to DTEC –** Myron Lee reported that the TIP has been out for public comments for 30 days. We have received a couple of comments from Jeff Sanders which have been worked out. These changes are highlighted on the bottom of the TIP, i.e. Washington City Bus and Van Purchase (with a local match from Washington City). There are also some active Transportation Funds that are for an active transportation tunnel under Bluff street and adjacent to I-15.

Other than the comments from Jeff Sanders, we have not received any other comments on the public comment of this TIP. We are therefore looking for a motion to forward this for final approval to both this committee (DTAC) and UDOT.

With no additional comments or questions, Chairman Edwards asked for a motion.

Arthur LeBaron made a motion to approve the TIP as presented and forward it on to DTEC and UDOT for their approval. Jay Sandberg seconded the motion.

Chairman Edwards then conducted a verbal roll call vote on the motion. The motion passed with all Committee members in attendance verbally voting in favor of the motion.

3. PLANNING SERVICES:

A. **Consider Planning Grant Request:**

- **Hurricane City - \$30,000 for Active Transportation Plan Update**
- **Washington City - \$30,000 Telegraph**
- **Household Travel Demand Survey - \$42,500 (our portion)**

(1) Arthur LeBaron discussed the Hurricane City request for \$30,000 for an Active Transportation Plan update. He reported that UDOT has made some great strides in active transportation planning and emphasis on corridors in Hurricane – specifically SR9 and SR7. They have just completed a regional transportation study for SR7 and UDOT also recently wrapped up the SR9 State environmental study.

In looking at those plans and the emphasis that UDOT is putting on transportation, Mr. LeBaron and those involved felt that Hurricane city needs to do some updating and do some more specific planning for trails, particularly paved paths that are next to roadways, so Hurricane City is requesting \$30,000 in planning funds to support that effort and get it done. The \$30,000 is a “not to exceed” amount which would be administered by the MPO. There were no further questions, so the next item (Washington City request for \$30,000) was discussed by Mike Shaw.

(2) Mike Shaw reported that they were looking at the Green Springs Telegraph to try to improve flow there and it brought up more questions. What Washington City is asking for is approximately \$24,900 on a \$50,000 study that the City will be paying over half for. Mr. Shaw reported that Washington City will manage the projects.

A question was brought up on why the Agenda showed a request for \$30,000. Mr. Lee reported that it should be the \$24,900 as was requested by Mr. Shaw. Also, Jeff Sanders reported that because of the project’s proximity to the interchange (Exit 10), UDOT would like to participate by viewing the sort of analysis that Washington City will be doing and providing feedback or comments or assistance. Mr. Shaw reported that they would appreciate having UDOT as part of the whole overall project.

(3) Myron Lee discussed the \$42,500 request for the Household Travel Demand Survey. The actual request is in the form of an MOU that is included in the presentation packet. This MOU is a document from the participating entities that each have been asked to edit and present to their governing bodies for consideration.

Mr. Lee indicated that the (4) MPO's, UDOT and UTA would like to do a Statewide household travel survey. Basically, this is a study that would help to populate our travel demand models across the state. Mr. Lee noted that this a 2-million-dollar effort and that they've tried to figure out what a fair cost would be for each of the MPO's, UTA, and UDOT (as shown on the spreadsheet included in the presentation packet).

The spreadsheet shows that we are proposing to spend \$42,500 this year, and the same amount again, next year from our planning grant funds to fund the 2022 Household Travel survey. A question was asked about the source of the funds. Mr. Lee reported that we receive \$150,000 each year from the Small Urban funds which, if not used, rolls forward into the next year or is programmed for other projects. This number is found at the bottom of the TIP under the Small Urban Funds.

After the discussion, and with no further questions, Chairman Edwards asked for a motion to approve the (3) items discussed.

Cameron Cutler made a motion to approve the request from Hurricane City for \$30,000 as outlined, \$24,900 from Washington City as outlined, and \$42,500 from the MPO for the Household Travel Demand Survey as outlined. Chuck Gillette seconded the motion.

Chairman Edwards then conducted a verbal roll call vote on the motion. The motion passed with all Committee members in attendance verbally voting in favor of the motion.

4. LOCAL PROJECT STATUS UPDATES:

- A. Hurricane – They have some design projects underway right now and are progressing on the 2800 W project which is the northerly extension of the SR7 corridor from SR9 to 600 N.

They are also partnering with UDOT on a couple of projects on SR9 to improve some intersections at 2600 W. A signal has been warranted there with UDOT doing the work and Hurricane city doing some roadway improvements to connect pedestrian facilities to the signal.

They are also working to improve the intersection at Sand Hollow Road which is 3700 W – SR9 and we will be doing some widening on the south side of that intersection to improve the operation of that intersection.

- B. Ivins – Still working on their Transportation Master plan and are around 70% complete and are to the point where they are trying to get some comments back to the consultant.

They are also about 30% through the design on Highway 91 and are working on a preliminary layout which was discussed last week. They are also looking at an option where maybe roundabouts might be cheaper than putting in turning lanes. Because it ends up being cheaper than turn lanes, they would want to pursue that. **Mr. Gillette asked Myron to review this option and to let them know if it will cause a problem with the MPO funding as that was not part of the original request.**

- C. LaVerkin – No report.
- D. Leeds – Expressed appreciation to UDOT for their support and hope to be able to work through the details of the CIB loan.

They will also be addressing some stormwater issues along Main street – but given the timing of this project, it will probably be the early part of next year before the work can be completed.

- E. St. George City – They have a lot of signals going on right now, 700 S and 200 E, Tuweap and Sunset, Riverside Drive, Morningside Drive, Mall Drive and 2780 E.

They are also doing some widening on 3000 E. Commerce Drive is well under way as well as the connection across the Fort Pierce Wash.

They have also finished up the project putting the finishing touches on the Bloomington Hills Dr where they put in a pedestrian trail and curb/gutter and some drainage improvements. They also placed a chip seal and are ready to restripe it.

They are also doing a lot of co-ordination with Washington City on projects around 3000 E and 1450 S.

They also have a bid drainage project under design around the Temple, a roadway widening at 3000 E in the vicinity and 1450 S.

- F. Santa Clara – No report
- G. Toquerville – No report
- H. Washington City – They have finished the Washington Parkway. Mr. Shaw reported that the contractor, Harward and Rees from Wayne County did a great job and they were very pleased with their work.

The Main Street project is probably about 4 weeks from completion. Mr. Shaw reported that this was a very big project, especially since every single utility in that road had to be lowered. It is now basically a flood street, where in the past, they have had flooding down that road from the monsoons.

The Washington Parkway signal is complete and operating. The next big project is the Washington Dam road reconstruction from 1900 E all the way out to the Southern Parkway. They will be widening that road into a 5-lane facility. This road is getting heavily used with the Southern

Parkway, and once the Southern Parkway is completed, it will be getting even more traffic.

They are working with the developer on participation in that they are going to need to build an interchange with the new temple. Mr. Shaw reports that they see a big need for that project to be completed all the way through from the Southern Parkway through St. George.

Mr. Shaw also reported that they have hired a City Engineer (this is Washington City's first City engineer). They hired Rick Snyder from Sunrise Engineering.

- I. Washington County – They are getting ready for their annual chip seal – approximately 20 miles. They are also working with UDOT in Apple Valley doing some turn lanes and improvements to the intersection with Main Street.
- J. UDOT – Their major project is the Southern Parkway. There have been some delays because of COVID – but it is up and running and doing okay.

They are widening the shoulders on State Route 18 up by VEYO between the bridge and the town. They also have a fiber project that will be advertised soon. The project will be on State Route 9 between Interchange 16 to Virgin with the hope that eventually there will be a line all the way to Zion.

Another project in the work is the South Bluff tunnel and St. George city and UDOT are partnering on. This will be right next to that interchange by I-15 and State Route 18. They are just getting a consultant on board right now, with a kick-off meeting planned sometime soon.

Also doing some pavement preservation projects outside the MPO boundaries on I-15 closer to Hamilton Fort and Cedar City.

5. Upcoming Meetings / Deadlines:

- A. August 19, 2020 – DTEC Meeting
- B. August 19, 2020 – COG Meeting
- C. September 2, 2020 – DTAC Meeting

6. Roll Call Vote:

- A. All Committee members must declare for the record that they participated in the meeting from beginning to end and that they were able to hear and comprehend everything that occurred during the meeting.
- B. Chairman Todd Edwards conducted a verbal roll call as to the participation in the meeting from beginning to end with the ability to hear and comprehend all that went on.

10 of the 10 Committee members that started the meeting verbally declared their full involvement in the meeting as outlined. There was not a representative from Toquerville or Santa Clara at this meeting.

ALL BUSINESS HAVING BEEN CONDUCTED; THE MEETING ADJOURNED upon a motion by Cameron Cutler. No roll call vote was required for this motion.